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From the Evening-Post, May 24.

Paris, May 29.

THEY write from Rochelle, That there happened lately a great Conflagration there, during which there was perceived in the Sky a fiery Globe, with a long Tail in the Shape of a Comet; which, after having been visible for above half-a-quarter of an Hour, went off, and seem'd to break over the Isle of Oleron. A Person convicted of sodomy was on the 4th Inst. burnt alive, by virtue of the Sentence pass'd upon him by the Judge of Chastelet.

Hague, May 30. Yesterday about Noon, the M. de St. Philippe Ambassador of Spain, received Advice by a Courier from Madrid, who performed the Journey in 12 Days, That the Duke de Riperda having entirely lost the Favour of the Court, on account of some under-hand Dealings, which have been discovered in his Conduct, and of his haughty and disrespectful Behaviour to their Catholic Majesties; the King sent him a Declaration in writing to his own House, acquainting him, That his Majesty deprived him of all his Employments, but was graciously pleased to grant him a Pension of 3000 Pistoles. Whereupon the Duke, apprehending that this Deprivation might be attended with something more tragical, immediately fled to the House of M. Vandermeer the States Ambassador, from thence to that of Colonel Stanhope, Ambassador of G. Britain, whose Protection he implored and obtain'd. The King of Spain no sooner heard of it, but he was highly displeased with the Duke, for taking Sanctuary at the House of a Foreign Minister, in order to screen himself from Justice; however, his Majesty did not think proper to violate the Right of Nations in that Juncture, tho' the said Duke was his Minister: Therefore his Majesty only ordered 200 Grenadiers to be posted round the House of the Ambassador, to hinder the Escape of the said Duke. Upon this Colonel Stanhope acquainted his Majesty he had taken proper Measures for preventing his Escape. Notwithstanding of which, a Guard of Spanish Soldiers was posted before the House. And in all Likelihood the Duke will come but poorly off.

London, May 24. They write from Deal May 20, That the Northumberland Man of War was under Sail for the Baltick.

Last Sunday-night his Majesty supped with his Grace the Duke of Richmond at his House in the Privy Garden.

S. S. Stock 102, 1/4th. Annuities, 94, 1 half. India, 140. Bank, 122. York Buildings, 15.

From the Flying Post, May 24.

Extract of some Letters from the North and Germany.

The Danish Fleet is still in the Road of Copenhagen, and 'tis believed will not sail till after the Return of an Express sent to London. There's no certain News of the English Fleet, which some say is in the Road of Dantzick; and others, that it has been seen upon the Coasts of Sweden.

They write from Vienna, that the Danish Minister has represented to those of the Emperor, that the King his Master hoped that the Imperial Court would do nothing to prejudice the Rights of his Danish Majesty in the Affair of the D. of Holstein's Investiture. To which 'tis said Answer was made him, That his Imperial Majesty was resolved to assist and support the Duke of Holstein in all his Pretensions that are legal and well-grounded.

Tho' all Places are full of the Rumours of War, and tho' Hostilities are expected every Day, particularly in the Baltick; yet are there some Advices which say, that secret Engines are at Work, to engage the contending Powers to consent to the holding of a general Congress, for discussing and amicably deciding all their Disputes.

From the Post-Man, May 24.

Paris, May 22. 'Tis now said that the Queen is not with Child; but the Wife of K. Stanislaus is 3 Months gone. On the 20th Mr. de Chavigny, the King's Minister to the Diet of the Empire, took his Leave of the Court to repair to his Post.

Letters from Vienna of the 18th say, that the Emperor offers the King of Sardinia an important Town in the Milanese, and 10 Fiefs in the Langues, if he will accede to the Vienna Treaty; and that the King of Spain tempts him at the same time with a considerable Subsidy.

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London, *May* 24. On Saturday in the Afternoon, a Man and two Horſes were killed by Lightning in a Field at Beckingham in Kent. And a Gardener at Greenwich had 150 Bell-glaſſes broken by Hail-ſtones which fell in the ſaid Storm.

On Friday-night laſt his R. Highneſs the Prince of Wales ſtood Godfather to the new-born Son of the Earl of Inchquin; and laſt Night her Royal Highneſs was to viſit the Counteſs.

Laſt Saturday the firſt Troop of Guards, and the firſt Troop of Grenadier Guards, were reviewed in Hide-Park by the Lord Herbert.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, *May* 24.

Madrid, *May* 10. They write from Cadix, That it has been reſolved in Council to form 2 Camps of 10000 Men in Caſtille. Our Body Guards are in the mean time ordered to hold themſelves ready to march on the firſt Command. And the Officers are forbid to abſent themſelves from their Poſts, without Leave from the Court.

Hague, *May* 31. We hear that Horatio Walpole, Eſq; the Britiſh Ambaſſador, is arrived at Madrid, but was the longer upon the Road by reaſon of his Indiſpoſition, which ſtill confines him to his Chamber. The Duke de Riperda, as we hear, is charg'd to give an Account of the Adminiſtration of the Finances, and particularly, the Application of 4 Millions of Pieces of Eight. 'Tis added, that the King had removed the Guard from off the Britiſh Ambaſſador's Houſe, upon his Excellency's Promiſe to be anſwerable for the Duke's Perſon. Mean time 'tis ſaid he is ſucceeded by the Marquis de las Paz.

Bergamo, *May* 4. There has fallen ſuch a Quantity of Hail, many of the Hailſtones being as big as Pidgeons Eggs, That ſix Villages on the Side of Guiſalvo have been entirely ruined, ſo that they are without Hopes of having any Harveſt or Vintage this Year.

London, *May* 24. This Day his Majeſty came to the Houſe of Peers, and gave the Royal Aſſent to

An Act for the Sale of ſuch of the forfeited Eſtates in Scotland as remain unſold, and are veſted in the Crown; and for determining ſuch Claims on the ſaid Eſtates, as, having been duly entered, remain undetermined.

An Act for the better preventing Colluſive Seizures of Goods, and for Improvement of his Majeſty's Revenue of Cuſtoms, Exciſe and Inland Duties.

An Act for veſting in his Majeſty an Impoſition of Two Penies Scots upon Ale and Beer brewed and ſold in the City of Glaſgow and Privileges thereof; for ſatisfying the Damage and Loſs which Daniel Campbell, Eſq; lately ſuffered in a Riot there; and to ſeveral other Bills.

His Majeſty's moſt Gracious SPEECH *to both Houſes of Parliament, on* Tueſday *the 24th Day of* May 1726.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Cannot in Juſtice to you put an End to this Seſſion, without returning you My hearty Thanks for the many Inſtances you have given Me of your Duty and Affection to My Perſon and Government, and of your Zeal to maintain the Honour and true Intereſt of this Kingdom.

The Spirit and Reſolution you have ſhewn on this important Occaſion, when Our Moſt valuable Rights and Priviledges have been ſtruck at, are highly becoming the Weight and Authority of a *Britiſh* Parliament; and the Steps which have been taken abroad in ſupport of the Meaſures entred into againſt this Nation, muſt convince every Body of your Wiſdom and Prudence in endeavouring to put an early Stop to the farther Progreſs of them. I hope the Precautions you have enabled Me to take will be ſufficient, in Conjunction with My Allies, to defeat the Deſigns which have been formed againſt Us; and that the Promoters of them, when they have fully weighed their own Circumſtances, and better conſidered thoſe of the ſeveral Powers united in Defence of the Tranquillity and Liberties of Europe, will find it their own Intereſt to preſerve the Peace, and think it moſt ſafe and prudent to deſiſt from their dangerous Schemes.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I return you My particular Thanks for the Supplies, which you have ſo chearfully and effectually raiſed; and you may be aſſured that they ſhall be faithfully applied to the Uſes for which you intended them.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The conſtant Employment of My Thoughts, and the moſt earneſt Wiſhes of My Heart, tend wholly to the ſecuring to My Subjects their juſt Rights and Advantages, and to the preſerving to them and to all Europe, the Enjoyment of a Safe and Honourable Peace: And muſt not conclude without giving you the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances, that the particular Confidence you have placed in Me, ſhall be made uſe of in ſuch Manner only, as may moſt effectually conduce to the attaining thoſe good and great Purpoſes.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by his Majeſty's Command ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, That this Parliament be Prorogued to Thurſday the One

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and Twentieth Day of July next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thurſday the One and twentieth Day of July next.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, May 26.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France,

'TWas generally expected a Riſe would have been given to the Stocks; but the contrary has happened: S. S. Stock is faln from 102 to 100. Annuities, from 95 to 93 per Cent. and the reſt in Proportion. However, this muſt be wholly attributed to the Artifice of ill-deſigning Men, ſince there are all the Grounds imaginable to hope, *That the Precautions taken by his Majeſty will, in Conjunction with his Allies, be ſufficient to defeat the Deſigns formed againſt us.* But ſome Diſtruſt is ſtill entertained; and 'tis intimated, as tho' the Diverſions and Entertainments of the French Court had drowned the Noiſe of War there, &c. Mean-time 'tis certain, that France has not ſlackned her Preparations, but on the contrary, they are carried on with the utmoſt Vigour. 'Tis aſſured, that the inliſting of the Militia, conſiſting of 60000 Men, is finiſhed in moſt Places, which, with the new-rais'd Troops, will augment the French Army, which conſiſted before of 130,000 Men, with 105,000 more; ſo that his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty has now in Service 235,000 Men. The Militia are to defend the Places in their Provinces, at the ſame time that the regular Troops are in Campaign. And that it has been reſolved to ſend a powerful Reinforcement to the K. of G. Britain as Elector of Hanover, and to the K. of Pruſſia, in caſe they ſhould be attacked by the Emperor.

Letters from Madrid of the 20th Inſt ſay, That the Marquis de Caſtelar is reſtored to his Employment of Secretary of War, which the Duke de Riperda had; That the Affairs with the Court of Vienna are to be tranſacted by the Marquis de la Paz, and theſe with the other Courts are to be treated by the Marquis de Grimaldo; That the Duke de Riperda ſtill remains in Mr. Stanhope's Houſe, whither he came in the Dutch Ambaſſador's Coach with the ſaid Ambaſſador. About 60 Guards are poſted in all the Streets leading to Mr. Stanhope's Houſe, to take the ſaid Duke in Caſe he attempts to make his Eſcape. The Charge againſt him is for embezling the publick Money, and not as ſome abſurdly imagine, for diſcovering the Secrets of the Court; his Catholick Majeſty does not diſapprove Mr. Stanhope's Conduct in the Affair relating to the ſaid Duke's taking Shelter in his Houſe. 'Tis thought that the Duke of Riperda's Diſgrace occaſioned the Duke of Wharton to lay aſide the Journey he propoſed to take to Italy; but from what happened to the Duke de Riperda, lately Prime Miniſter of Spain, 'tis natural to expect various Conjectures and Surmiſes with Reſpect to the Conſequences thereof.

We hear from Ailesbury in Bucks, that Hailſtones fell there laſt Saturday of a great Bigneſs, ſome of them being 9 Inches in Circumference. And from Northamptonſhire, we hear of very terrible Thunder and Lightning, which ſplit in Pieces the Spire-ſteeple of Weſton and the Church-door, and tore up a good Part of the Pavement; and Major Eken's Servant was ſtruck dead, as was thought, but recovered ſome time after. And 'twas obſerved, that a Pigeon fell down dead by him. On the 18th Inſt. a Fire happened at Hinton in that County, which conſumed above 20 Houſes, with Barns, Stables, Out-houſes, Corn, Hay, and Utenſils for Husbandry, to a great Value.

We hear that Eades, the King of the Waltham-Blacks, is taken and committed to Reading Goal. He was out-law'd at the Trial of the Blacks which were executed at Wincheſter laſt Aſſizes.

Sir W. Thompſon Recorder of London, having accepted of the Place of Curſitor Baron, to which is annexed an additional Salary, ſet out Yeſterday for Ipſwich, to be re-elected for that Burgh.

Sir Hewet Tucker, Bart. died lately at his Seat in Kent; and having no Male Iſſue, the Title in that Family is extinct, and the Bulk of his Eſtate goes to his Siſter, who is married to Dr. Corbet.

The Convocation is prorogu'd to October 26th.

We hear one of the vacant Blue Garters will be conferred on Sir Robert Walpole.

An Expreſs is juſt now arrived from France to the Duke of Newcaſtle. S. S. Stock 98, 3 4ths, &c.

From the Evening Poſt, May 26.

Vienna, May 14. 'Tis ſaid it has been offered to the Landgrave of Heſſe Caſſel, to erect his Landgraviate into a 10th Electorate, provided he accedes to the Treaty of Vienna.

Copenhagen, May 10. Yeſterday the Land-forces went on board our Squadron. We hear another Draught of 12 Men out of each Company will be made for the ſame Service. The ſaid Squadron was going to ſail Yeſterday, but was prevented by the Wind, which happened to chop about whilſt they were weighing Anchor: The ſame conſiſts of 8 Men

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of War and 4 Fregats, and will sail away this Evening to join the British Squadron. This Day 2 English Men of War and an Hospital ship came into this Port.

From the Whitehall Evening-Post, May 26.

Francfort, May 26. Our last Advices from Munich say, that the famous Mr. John Law continues there, and that, according to the Scheme he has presented to the Elector of Bavaria, he proposed in 25 Years to pay off the Debts of his Dominions.

Vienna, May 11. We have Advice from Transilvania, that a Party of Tartars, having ventured to make an Inroad into that Principality, were all cut in Pieces by the Imperial Hussars, who left not a Man to carry home the News.

Paris, May 28. There's a great Stir among the Clergy upon the Duke of Bourbon's insisting that they should tax themselves for the King's joyful Accession to the Crown, and upon his giving Leave to the Old Annuitants to demand the Payment of 40 Years Arrears, from which the Clergy were excused by the late King Lewis XIV.

Haddingtoun, May 27. 1725.

Best Wheat,	*L.* 10 00	2d,	*L.* 09. 12.	3d,	*L.* 9 00.
Best Bear,	*L.* 06. 00	2d,	*L.* 05 16.	3d,	*L.* 05 10
Best Oats,	*L.* 05 10.	2d,	*L.* 05 06.	3d,	*L.* 05 00.
Best Pease,	*L.* 06 09.	2d,	*L.* 6 06 00.	3d,	*L.* 06 00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶*¶ That JOHN LINDSAY of MAINS, for the Satisfaction of his Creditors, and for saving the Expence of Diligence, which his Estate cannot bear, has granted a Disposition of his whole Estate in favours of a Trustee for the Behoof. The Creditors are therefore desired to give in their Grounds of Debt, and a Note of what is resting them thereupon, to William Veitch and Thomas Goldie, Writers to the Signet, or to Gilbert Young Writer in Dumfries, betwixt and the 25th of June next; in order that the Extent of the whole Debts may be known, and thereafter a general Meeting of the whole Creditors may be appointed, to concert proper Measures for ranking themselves, and disposing of the Estate to the best Advantage, towards their Payment. 'Tis hoped the Creditors will so far regard their own Interest, as to give no Delay in doing what is proposed.

Fishery-Office, May 24. 1726.

The Managers of the Copartnery are to expose to publick Sale, at their Office, on THIS DAY the 31st Inst. at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

Four new Herring-nets, at 3 L. sterl. each.

Eight ditto, containing 110 undress'd ditto, at 15 sh. each.

Utensils for a Twine-work per Inventary, to be set up at L. 9, 17, 8 sterl.

Ditto for the Cod-fishing, as per Inventary; to be set up at L. 14, 1, 8.

Ditto for a Barking-house, per ditto, to be set up at L. 14, 16, 4 sterl.

The above Goods will be shown at Leith by David Daes the Copartnery's Agent, and the Inventaries and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market. Also there will be exposed to public Sale at the said Office, and at the same Hour, 88 Lasts, 1 3d of Herring Barrels lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, to be sold as they lie, at 14 sh. per Last.

Notice is also hereby given, That the Managers of the Fishing Copartnery are to expose to publick Sale by Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-Market in Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 5th of July next, at three in the Afternoon, the Lands and Fishertoun of Peterhead with the Pertinents, and others belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Parish of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen, the yearly Rental whereof, amounts to 191 Bolls 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls and 2 Pecks 1 3d Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L. 80. 4. 1 1 6th Sterling of Money Rent and Feu Duties, being the neat free Rent, over and above the Ministers Stipend. Item the Feus of 37 Houses in Stonehaven, and Fish-Boats in the said Town, belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Sheriffdom of Kincardin, the Free Rent whereof, amounts in all to L. 7. 12. 1 6th Sterling. Any Person who intends to bid for the above Purchase, may see the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of Sale, at the Copartnery's Office.

The Managers of the Fishing Copartnery, finding that the Time appointed by the General Meeting, for making the first Dividend of the Stock amongst the Adventurers, draws near; and finding that a great many of their Certificates remain yet not taken out: Do hereby give Notice to all concerned, That the Officers of the said Copartnery will attend at the Burrow room on Friday next, from 10 to 12 Forenoon, and from 2 to 4 after Noon, for giving out the same; and thereafter, at the same Place and Hours, on Monday the 30th Inst. on Wednesday the 1st, on Friday the 3d; on Monday the 6th, on Wednesday the 8th, and on Friday the 10th of June. After which last Day, the Books of Certificates will be laid aside, and no more issued till the first Dividend is over. The Managers do likewise further give Notice, That all Persons who have Certificates made out in their own Names, or who have Right to the same by Indorsation, may have their first Dividend of Fishery-Stock at the Rate of 5 sh. sterl. per Pound, paid them at the Burrow-room, on Monday the 13th of June, from 9 to 12 aclock in the Forenoon, and from 2 till 5 aclock in the Afternoon; and on Wednesday and Friday thereafter, at the same Place and Hours; and at such other Time and Place as shall hereafter be advertised.

¶*¶ The Lands of EASTER-LIVILANDS, of about L. 900 yearly Rent, having a convenient little House, lying in the Parish of St. Ninian's, near Stirling; are to be exposed to Sale by way of Roup, by the Trustees for Hugh Paterson Chirurgeon in Edinburgh and his Creditors, upon Wednesday the 8th Day of June next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 in the Afternoon at the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh. The Particulars of the Rental and Progress of the Rights, with the Conditions of Sale, are to be seen in the Hands of James Armour, Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber near the Market-cross of Edinburgh.

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